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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

**STATUS OF HELITANKER AGREEMENT WITH
LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The District entered an agreement with the Los Angeles Fire Department for the use of the Erickson helitanker during the Pacific Fire in January 2003. The purpose of this memorandum is to inform your Honorable Board of the status of the agreement.

Having this agreement with the Los Angeles Fire Department in place is extremely beneficial when considering the unpredictability of the weather. Thus far, the District has incurred \$92,810 in expenses related to the utilization of the helitanker. This amount includes \$65,000 to utilize the helitanker for a week and \$27,810 for 4 ½ flight hours spent fighting the Pacific Fire.

I will apprise your Board of any further expenditure made through this agreement. If you have any questions you may contact me or have your staff contact Deputy Chief Michael Dyer at (323) 881-2370.

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